

From: [Crossland, Ronnie](#)
To: [Fife, Greg](#)
Cc: [Petersen, Chris](#); [Webster, Susan](#); [McQuiddy, David](#); [Smith, Monica](#)
Subject: Fw: Subject Line of Email: Initial - Fire / R5 / East Texas Ag Services – Notification of Significant Incident
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2014 9:09:35 PM

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Kelly Cook
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 9:05 PM
To: soc@dps.texas.gov; Kidd Nim; Ruben Alonzo
Cc: Crossland, Ronnie; Anthony Buck; Derek Eades; Melinda Johnston
Subject: Fwd: Subject Line of Email: Initial - Fire / R5 / East Texas Ag Services – Notification of Significant Incident

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michelle Baetz <michelle.baetz@tceq.texas.gov>
Date: May 29, 2014 at 8:42:42 PM CDT
To: Kelly Cook <kelly.cook@tceq.texas.gov>, Anthony Buck <Anthony.Buck@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Subject Line of Email: Initial - Fire / R5 / East Texas Ag Services – Notification of Significant Incident

I left you off the initial list. I apologize.

From: Michelle Baetz
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 8:38 PM
To: Ramiro Garcia; Tracy Miller; Susan Johnson; Jonathan Walling
Cc: Leroy Biggers; Michelle Baetz
Subject: Subject Line of Email: Initial - Fire / R5 / East Texas Ag Services – Notification of Significant Incident

Notification Status :

[General Incident Information](#)

Type of Incident: Fire

Date: 05/29/2014

Time Incident Started: Fire Department notified at 1743

Time TCEQ Notified: Discovered on the local news at 1800

TCEQ Region: **Region 5 - Tyler**

[Responsible Party \(RP\)/Regulated Entity Information/Incident Location](#)

RP/Regulated Entity Name: East Texas Ag Services



9555461

RN Number (if available):
Street Address: 417 N. Underwood
City: Athens
County: Henderson
RP Contact Name and Information: Ken McGee (903) 681-2055

Specific Incident Information

Description of Event/Cause: Fire at Fertilizer Blending Facility
Material Released: Building contained 70 tons of ammonium nitrate and 75,000-100,000 lbs. of pot ash
Amount Released (estimated):
Affected Media: Air
Injuries or Fatalities: None known
Other Risks: Evacuation of 3 blocks of nearby businesses residences

Current Response

TCEQ Response: On scene
TCEQ Responder Name and Contact Information: Leroy Biggers (903)355-1549
Incident Commander Name and Contact Information: Jon McCrary (903) 817-269-3094
Emergency Response Contractor Information: SWS/OMI Enviromental/CTEH
Other Federal, State, or Local Authorities on Site: DPS, Athens PD, Athens FD, John Phillips - Union Pacific. Murchison FD, Brownsboro FD, North 19 FD assisted in the evacuation.

Other Pertinent Information, If Available

Weather: Warm, sunny
Wind Direction: North/Northeast
Potentially Impacted Receptors: Nearby residences and businesses
Other: Fire department has not put anything on the fire. They have been letting it burn itself out to avoid creating fumes. Currently, there is not an active flame, but the remains are smoldering.
Contractors are en route from Kilgore to perform air monitoring.

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